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October 06, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL
ENGINEERING, MATERIALS TESTING, AND
INSPECTION SERVICES FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS LOCATED
THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to proceed and award consultant services agreements for as-needed geotechnical consultant services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the work is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute as-needed geotechnical consultant services agreements with Fugro West, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation. The combined aggregate, maximum annual cost of the entire program will be for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,000,000 and be financed by available funding in the Final Adopted 2009-10 Budget. Although any given consultant services agreement may potentially be established for up to \$1,000,000, the total annual amount available for the entire program will be \$1,000,000. The agreements will provide as-needed geotechnical services for a 3-year period commencing on the date of the initial Notice to Proceed, with two 1-year renewal options to be exercised by the Director of Public Works. The potential maximum contract sum is \$5,000,000 for a total maximum term of 5 years. Renewal will be exercised based upon the remaining funding available and level of satisfaction with services provided.
 - a. Consultant Services Agreement with Fugro West, Inc., for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,000,000.
 - b. Consultant Services Agreement with Kleinfelder, Inc., for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,000,000.
 - c. Consultant Services Agreement with MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,000,000.
 - d. Consultant Services Agreement with URS Corporation for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,000,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works to execute four consultant services agreements for as-needed geotechnical consultants to enhance the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) overall geotechnical capabilities for various County and contract cities' public works projects. The use of these as-needed consultants will enable our Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division to better manage fluctuations in workload and thereby provide responsive services to our clients. To expand the ability to use these as-needed consultants on federally funded projects, the Requests for Proposals (RFP) were processed following federal guidelines. In addition, the geotechnical consultants selected possess specialized equipment and expertise in the fields of rock mechanics and geophysics that is not presently available within Public Works.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by supporting public infrastructure. The use of as-needed consultant services agreements has enabled Public Works to better manage fluctuations in workload and thereby provide responsive services to our clients.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Each of the four contracts is part of the entire program. The entire program is for a combined aggregate, maximum annual amount not-to-exceed fee of \$1,000,000. This amount represents Public Works' estimated annual cost to perform these as-needed services. Should additional work be required that exceed the amount authorized, Public Works will return to your Board for approval. The agreements will provide as-needed geotechnical services for a 3-year period commencing on the date of the Initial Notice to Proceed, with two 1-year options. The potential maximum contract sum is \$5,000,000 for a total term of 5 years. Any additional Cost of Living Adjustments will be made in accordance with the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) policy. Since this work may be requested on an as-needed basis and may be from various funds, work will not be authorized without first ascertaining that funds are available. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The consultants are in compliance with the requirements of the Chief Executive Office and your Board.

The agreements will contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to, County of Los Angeles' Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These services are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. These services are within a class of work that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Sections 15306 and 15304 (f) of CEQA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On February 12, 2009, Public Works issued an RFP for as-needed geotechnical services to 74 firms. On March 16, 2009, 25 firms responded to the RFP; 3 proposals were determined nonresponsive as the proposers failed to provide all information as required in the RFP. The proposals were evaluated by a panel of members from Public Works. The panel members evaluated the proposals based on technical expertise, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirement. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender and in accordance with the informed averaging methodology.

Based on the review and evaluations of the proposals, Public Works selected Fugro West, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation as the best qualified firms to perform the required services.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, these contract opportunities were listed on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website. A copy of the website posting is enclosed for your reference.

Participation in the program by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) is encouraged through the Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Fugro West, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation are aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

The recommended agreements with Fugro West, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation will include a Cost of Living Adjustment provision in accordance with your Board's policy that was approved on January 29, 2002.

The as-needed consultant services may be utilized on federally funded projects. Pursuant to Caltrans' Local Assistance Program Guidelines, consultant services agreements for such projects require a pre-award audit of the consultants' cost proposal and draft agreement. Public Works has submitted the draft consultant services agreements for the four selected firms to Caltrans to perform the pre-award audit, and we anticipate their response by early- to mid-October. If required, Public Works will amend the draft consultant services agreements to incorporate any additional requirements and/or conditions presented by Caltrans prior to execution of said agreements.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Awarding this Consultant Services Agreement with Fugro West, Inc.; Kleinfelder, Inc.; MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.; and URS Corporation will allow Public Works to continue to be responsive to increases in workload and provide quality control and effectiveness in the design of our projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/6/2009

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office

Bid Detail Information**Bid Number :** AED0000040**Bid Title :** As-Needed Geotechnical Engineering, Materials Testing, and Inspection Services**Bid Type :** Service**Department :** Public Works**Commodity :** ENGINEERING - INSPECTING, GENERAL**Open Date :** 2/12/2009**Closing Date :** 3/16/2009 5:00 PM**Bid Amount :** N/A**Bid Download :** Not Available

Bid Description : The Department of Public Works is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide as-needed geotechnical engineering, materials testing, and inspection services for various projects located throughout Los Angeles County.

The objective of this solicitation is to select up to four firms that are best qualified to provide the requested services. Services shall include, but are not limited to: field investigation, laboratory testing, geotechnical engineering evaluation and analyses, and geotechnical engineering reports.

Questions regarding the project and/or requests for copies of the RFP should be directed to the contact listed below.

Contact Name : Grace Stohs**Contact Phone# :** (626) 979-5311 Ext: fax**Contact Email :** gstohs@dpw.lacounty.gov**Last Changed On :** 2/17/2009 3:22:02 PM[Back to Last Window](#)